

Union Area School District
New Castle, Pennsylvania
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Union Area Board of School Directors

The Union Area Board of School Directors met in public session on September 21, 2022 in the Middle/High School Library for a Regular Meeting. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hink
Mr. John Pacella
Ms. Debra Allebach
Mr. John Bertolino
Mr. Arin Biondi
Ms. Roxanne Exposito
Ms. Valarie Peoples (Pavelko)
Mr. Robert Mrozek

Administrators:

Dr. Michael Ross, Superintendent
Mr. John Paella
Dr. Scott O'Donnell, Dir. Of Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Rob Nogay, MS/HS Principal
Ms. Linda J. O'Neill, Elementary Principal
Ms. Samantha Lavery, Bus. Mgr. /Board Secretary

Media: New Castle News, Nick Vercilla

Solicitor: Lois M. Perrotta, Esq.

Board Not Present: Ms. Elizabeth Sylvester

Public: 0

Call to Order

Hink called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hink requested those in attendance to join in the salute to the flag at 7:01P.M.

Executive Session Announcement

Hink announced that the Union Area School Board met in executive session at 6:30 PM to discuss contract negotiations, personnel for the purpose of hiring and resignation, and confidential legal matter.

Public Comment on Agenda Items (7:02 PM)

There was no public in attendance.

No Media Comments.

Informational Items (7:02 PM)

- A. Building & Grounds Update – Dr. Ross updated the Board on the paving project and upcoming roofing project.
- B. CEP Update – Dr. Ross indicated the District will be applying for the CEP program for our food services. This will allow all students to have free lunches and breakfasts.
- C. Robert Morris University Research – Dr. Ross explained that Robert Morris University will be doing research titled – The Impact of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Project-Based Learning course on Middle School Students' Interest and Career Aspiration in the AI Field.

Operations 7:09 PM

Exposito moved to approve the following consent operational agenda items as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings on August 17, 2022 as presented.
- B. Approve the Purchase Order List from August 16, 2022 through September 19, 2022 in the amount of \$217,121.82.
- C. Approve the checklist from August 18, 2022 through September 21, 2022 in the amount of \$756,930.23.
- D. Approve the Financial and Treasurers Report Dated August 31, 2022 as presented.
- E. Approve the Cafeteria Invoice dated September 9, 2022 in the amount of \$21,977.36
- F. Approve the August 31, 2022 High School Financials Reports for the Athletic Fund, Letterman's Fund, and Student Activities as presented.

Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Biondi moved to approve the Affordable Care Act Employer Reporting Agreement with Reschini Group for the 2022 calendar year at no cost to the District. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Act 57 Resolution as presented and made effective September 21, 2022. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the hearing support contract with DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for the 2022-23 school year as presented. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the Educational Service Agreement with McGuire Memorial for the 2022-23 school year as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve payment of \$40.00 per hour for all evening activities worked by the Union Township Police Department, effective September 21, 2022. Biondi seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve the attached bid repositories as presented. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Personnel 7:14 PM

Pacella moved to approve Haleigh Davisson payment for instruction during her prep period during the 2022-23 school year at a rate of 7.78% for 72 days. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to ratify the resignation of Mr. Dave Thompson from Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective August 22, 2022. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to ratify the hire of Mr. Luis Perrotta and Mr. Arin Biondi as a Volunteer Football Coach, effective August 22, 2022, pending receipt of all proper paperwork (7 yes – 1 Abstain – Biondi). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Nicolette DeVincentis as an after school tutor at \$20.00 per hour, effective September 12, 2022. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the FMLA leave for Mrs. Kayla Radachy, effective December 19, 2022 for the full 12 weeks. Pacella seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve time off without pay for Ms. Temika Taylor on September 27, 2022 through October 1, 2022 as presented. Allebach seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to ratify the hire of Mrs. Karol Kastner as a bus monitor, effective August 22, 2022, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Mrozek moved to ratify the hire of Mrs. Jodi Sizer and Ms. Sarah Richards as Paraprofessionals, effective August 22, 2022, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Biondi seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Ms. Alexis Onestak as the Elementary Building Substitute and paid \$100.00 per day through Kelly Services, effective September 21, 2022. Exposito seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Pacella moved to approve Mrs. Elizabeth Esposito as a substitute custodian effective September 21, 2022, pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Allebach moved to approve Mrs. Julie McFarland as a substitute nurse, effective September 21, 2022 and pending receipt of all proper paperwork (8 yes). The motion carried.

Exposito moved to approve the Substitute Bus Driver/Van Driver list as presented and pending receipt of all proper paperwork. Biondi seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

New Business (7:20 PM)

Dr. Hink asked Dr. Ross how the start of school was for the District. Dr. Ross explained.

Adjourn

Allebach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Union Area School Board at 7:21 PM. Mrozek seconded (8 yes). The motion carried.

Samantha Lavery, Board Secretary